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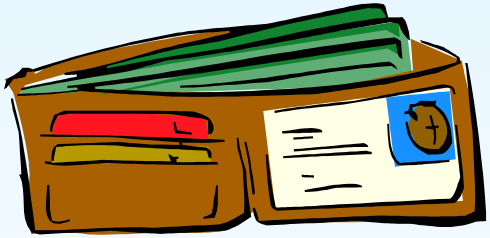

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FOR YOUR SECURITY…
On and Off duty…..

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This briefing contains tips that can help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when you are out and about or at work.

Take a few simple precautions to help reduce the risk to yourself and your family and to discourage those who commit crime.

ESTABLISH PREVENTION

- **Be aware** of your surroundings and the people around you
- **Pay attention** to the uncomfortable feelings that often warn us of potential danger
- **Make a plan** for how you would respond if someone tried to steal your purse or wallet

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Minimize
the Opportunity for Loss

- Don’t carry anything that is irreplaceable even if it has no cash value

- Make photocopies of the contents of your wallet (credit cards, ID cards, licenses, etc.) You will have copies of your account numbers and phone numbers to [illegible] can credit cards.

- Keep the photocopies in a safe place

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Minimize
the Opportunity for Loss

- Learn to carry only what is actually needed
- Carry only small amounts of cash

- Take only the credit cards you actually plan to use
- Leave expensive jewelry and other high value items at home

Minimize
the Opportunity for Loss

- **Make your safety your number one priority**
- **Don’t try to resist or try to fool the robber**

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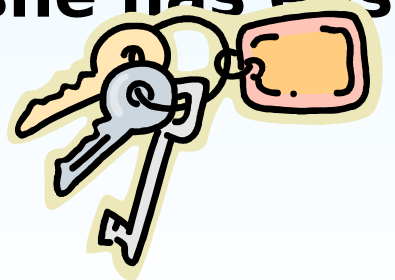
Carrying Valuables *Safely*

- **Avoid carrying house keys in your handbag all the time. Instead, carry keys in a pocket.**

- **Chances are your address is on a document in the bag. If the thief has your keys and address, he/she has easy entry to your home.**



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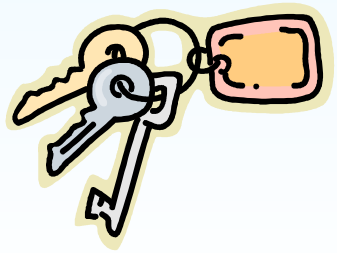
Carrying Valuables *Safely*

- **Consider reducing personal or sentimental items of value that you normally carry.**

- **Losing family photos, address books, and important papers is usually more traumatic to victims than financial loss**

- **If you must carry a large amount of cash or valuable items, do not carry them in your handbag or wallet.**

- **Carry valuables in an inside pocket**



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Theft and Pickpocke

- **Don't make it easy for thieves. They are on the lookout for items left in cars, grocery carts, dressing rooms or desks. It takes only seconds to grab your property and get away**

- **When in public, be sure your handbag clasp or zipper is closed**

- **Wallets and checkbooks should not protrude from pockets. Men should consider carrying their wallet in one of the front pant pockets. Wallets in the rear pockets are much easier to steal than those kept in the**

Theft and Pickpockets
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- Be especially cautious in busy and crowded places such as stores, shopping areas, fitness centers, on buses, and at other public gatherings.

- Thieves are attracted to crowds and use noise and confusion to help conceal their crimes

Theft and Pickpockets
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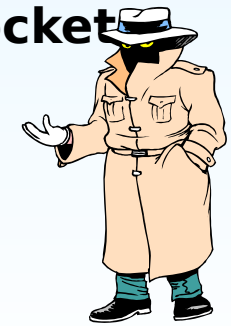
- **<u>Never leave your valuables in plain sight in your vehicle (even when the vehicle is locked).</u>**

- **Most cars get broken into because the thief has spotted a handbag, wallet, or other valuables that he wants.**

- **Pickpockets often work in teams; one creates a distraction by bumping, shoving, dropping something, or asking a question while others steal wallets from pockets or handbags.**



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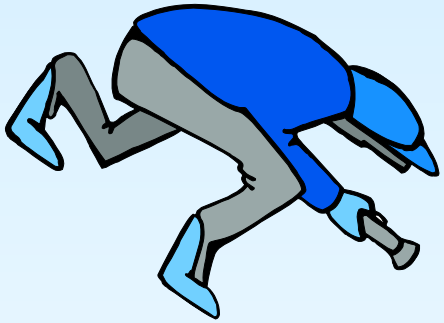

- **Never leave your valuables in plain sight on your desk even when your office is locked).**

Remember: Anyone can step in your office, take your purse or valuables and escape.

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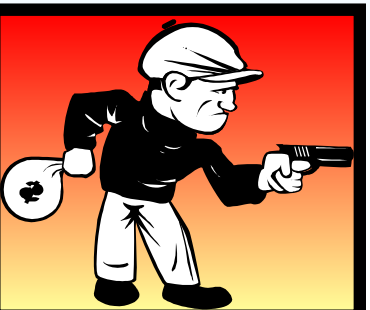
Responding to a Confrontation

- **If a robber grabs your bag, do not play tug of war. If you hang on, chances are you will be knocked down, hit, or kicked and the robber will get your bag anyway**

- **Victims sometimes tell a robber they have no money. This technique may backfire. It is safer to give up a few dollars.**

- **If someone demands your property and displays or implies in anyway that they have a weapon, give the bag or wallet to them.**



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Reporting a Theft

- **Immediately contact your nearest MP or local police station. Even if the theft occurred off post, you must inform law enforcement authorities as soon as practical.**

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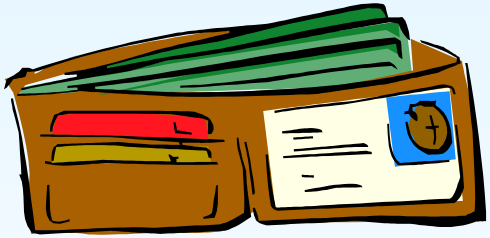

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